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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: DEPLOYMENT OF LEBANESE ARMY TO SOUTH LEBANON

1. ON MARCH 30, SHEIKH ASAAD GERMANOS, A MILITARY PROSECUTOR WHO IS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL KHOURY, PROVIDED FULLER EXPLANATION OF WHY KHOURY BELIEVES IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT LEBANESE ARMY UNITS IN BEIRUT, TRIPOLI AND ELSEWHERE IN LEBANON BE EQUIPPED WITH M-16'S WHEN HE DEPLOYS TROOPS SOUTH. GERMANOS SAID THAT KHOURY BELIEVES THAT ONCE HIS TROOPS ARE IN THE SOUTH, A CLASH WITH ARMED PALESTINIANS THERE IS ALMOST INEVITABLE. IF AND WHEN THIS HAPPENED, THERE WILL BE A REACTION IN PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS ELSEWHERE IN LEBANON, E.G., BEIRUT AND TRIPOLI, AND ARMED PALESTINIANS MAY TRY TO CAUSE TROUBLE. DESPITE PRESENCE OF ADF, KHOURY BELIEVES THE ONLY WAY THESE "REACTIONS" CAN BE CONTAINED AND THE LEBANESE POPULATION PROTECTED IS BY LEBANESE TROOPS.

2. GERMANOS ALSO MENTIONED THAT IN THIS VIEW THE GOL HAS THE TROOPS TO SEND SOUTH IF IT WANTS TO; WHAT HAS BEEN LACKING IS THE POLITICAL WILL TO ENGAGE THEM, AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS IF NECESSARY.

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